

SIMS ASSERTS NAVY NEEDS REORGANIZING

Never Prepared Adequately for War and Needs General Staff Like Army's.

MEDAL GIVEN SCHWAB

Ironmaster Optimistic in Address Praising Work of Arms Conference.

MRS. HATFIELD HONORED

Head of Pennsylvania Women's Society Receives French Decoration at Waldorf.

Rear Admiral William S. Sims, speaking last night at the twenty-third annual dinner of the Pennsylvania Society at the Waldorf, told the 800 diners that the American Navy

never was, is not now, and never will be adequately prepared for war until there is a complete reorganization of the Navy Department that will include the creation of some agency akin to the General Staff of the Army.

"What we need in the Navy," Admiral Sims said, "is an organization to make war, not an organization to govern the department in times of peace."

The speaker expressed the utmost hope and confidence of real results in naval reduction emanating from the armament conference.

"The news coming from the Washington conference," he said, is the best that has come to me since I have been able to read the newspapers."

He suggested an impartial tribunal of members of associations of the bar, of patriotic societies to "sift" the evidence in the case, and make a report to the American people.

"If you neglect this," he declared, "you invite disaster."

Charles M. Schwab, president of the Pennsylvania Society, presided at the dinner, and one of the features of the programme, which incidentally was a distinct surprise to Mr. Schwab, was the presentation to him of the society's gold medal for "distinguished achievement."

Gov. William C. Sproul of Pennsylvania made the presentation.

Public Service Recognized.
"We are presenting this," Gov. Sproul said, "in token of the society's appreciation of Mr. Schwab's great public service, extending over many years, and as a further mark of the affection and regard with which the society holds him."

Other recipients of the society's medal include Marshal Foch, Ambassador Jusserand, the late Andrew Carnegie, Cardinal Mercier, Viscount Bryce, James M. Beck, Dr. Romulo S. Naon and Dr. Horace Howard Furness.

A little later Mr. Schwab, as president of the society, and acting on behalf of

the French Government, presented to Mrs. Mary Byers Hatfield, for three years the president of the Society of Pennsylvania Women in New York, the silver medal of the Reconnaissance Francaise, in recognition of her leadership under which the society raised nearly \$20,000 for the American hospital at Neuilly-sur-Seine.

Mrs. Hatfield accepted the decoration with the declaration that in so honoring her the French Government was honoring the society of which she was the head.

Mr. Schwab's address carried a distinct note of optimism. He punctuated his more serious remarks with anecdotes of wartime activities.

"We are going to get a return of good times," he said. "Pennsylvania's factory wheels will soon be whirling at full speed. The fires of Pennsylvania's great furnaces of industry will soon again light up the sky. I am touched with a great spirit of optimism. But my theory of the future of industry is that it rests with us, and with these facts assured and our human minds tuned right we've nothing to fear in the future for the Keystone State."

"We ought here, too, to congratulate that distinguished group of men in Washington led by our great President on the achievements of the arms conference. I believe that even greater advances toward international peace are yet to come and that the average for the next decade will show an even greater move forward in this direction than ever has been the case in the history of man."

Mr. Schwab suggested that the society send a telegram of congratulation to President Harding and the members of the American delegation to the conference.

Sims Tells Anecdotes.
Admiral Sims's address, like Mr. Schwab's, was relieved by several anecdotes dealing with the service and spun with the flavor that only a sailor can impart. It was, in the main, however, a repetition of his charges of unpre-

paredness that so startled official Washington a year or so ago.

"I have been called the most popular British Admiral in the American navy," Admiral Sims said. "Well, I like the British. I like them because they are good sports—because they play the game."

"The Navy Department is going along with the same old organization that it had thirty years ago. When I made my criticisms and reports a while back an investigation was started. But we knew when it began that there would be a majority report and a minority report. It reminds one of a smoke screen."

"The facts are that if we got up against a live navy with the organization that we have now we would come out most unhappily. The navy never was, is not now, and never will be adequately prepared so long as we have our present organization."

"The great question is: 'What are we going to do about it?'"

"In there no way, to quote Mr. James M. Beck, of bringing out the evidence in the case?"

"During the war, the evidence of confusion on the part of the department was perfectly clear to us in the Navy. It was clear that the department misap-

prehended the war; that officials in Washington made decisions based on what they thought the war was like, and without consideration of the opinion of those in actual contact with the enemy."

"Your knowledge—what you at home learned—came from departmental reports and the reaction took the guts out of the navy so that the morale dropped clean out of it."

"I thought it over and wondered whether I should keep silent or depth charge the whole business—blow it up, so to speak."

"You all know that our army was not prepared for war. Well our navy was less prepared in a general way. Our losses on sea were very great and they were due to the lack of intelligent preparation and organization in the Navy Department."

SINGERS TO RIDE IN STREETS.
Christmas choral singing, with musicians and singers going about the streets in trucks, is being arranged by the Community Council. A call was issued yesterday for workers and for donations of trucks on which decorated trees can be placed. Churches were asked to supply singers to carry out this revival of an old custom.

THREE OF SUBMARINE CREW ARE IMPROVING

The three men of the forty-one rescued Wednesday from the submarine S-48, who were taken to the Naval Hospital, Flushing avenue and Ryerson street, Brooklyn, were improving yesterday. Peter Frank Dunne, 19, an employee of the Lake Torpedo Boat Company, who crawled through the torpedo tube after the submarine had met with an accident in Long Island Sound, near Bridgeport, and plunged into icy water to fasten a rope to the ship's superstructure, has not developed pneumonia. He is chipper and appears to be recovering rapidly, although in addition to exposure he suffered from inhaling chlorine gas.

Lieut. Francis Adams Smith, who was to have been executive officer of the submarine, and Michael Augustus Frutz of Chrome, N. J., chief electrician's mate, who inhaled chlorine gas, are showing no serious symptoms. The physicians predicted that all three would be out of the hospital in a week.

AL SMITH AND LYONS TO OPEN K. C. BAZAAR

Articles on Sale Bought by Col. Michael Friedsam.

Alfred E. Smith and John J. Lyons, Secretary of State, will open the Knights of Columbus bazaar in the Sixty-ninth Regiment Armory, Lexington avenue and Twenty-sixth street, tomorrow evening. The bazaar, which is part of the drive for \$2,000,000 with which to establish a clubhouse and welfare centre, will continue through the week.

Articles to be displayed have been obtained from careful and systematic purchases throughout the city under the direction of Col. Michael Friedsam. Much that is appropriate for the holidays is promised by the committee in charge.

Joseph P. Toomey of Corrigan Council is chairman, and is assisted by Stephen McDonald, Albert M. Lilly, A.

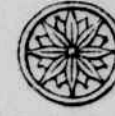
J. Cerow and Capt. John Lamen. Associated with them will be an auxiliary committee of women, of which Mrs. George W. Loft is chairman.

Nine parishes in the New York diocese have exceeded quotas, said William P. Larkin. These include Our Lady of the Rosary, St. Joseph's, Sixth avenue and Ninth street; St. Alphonsus, St. Simon Stock, Annunciation, St. Rose of Lima, St. Mary's and St. Thomas Aquinas.

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